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POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE CITY BEGINNING TO WARM UP

The Famous "Citizens" Committee Holds Secret Session to Decide Whom to Run for Councilman in the Various Wards.

From Friday's Daily.

The hum of spring politics is commencing to be heard in the land and last night the second meeting of the citizens committee was held at the office of J. P. Falter. This secret organization seems to be determined upon putting forth a ticket this spring again unmindful of the terrific drubbing which their ticket received last spring. There is to be five members of the council elected this spring and two members of the school board. The outgoing members of the council are Councilman Dwyer in the First ward, Councilman Weber in the Second ward, Councilman Steinkler in the Third ward, Councilman Neuman in the Fourth ward and Councilman Mendenhall in the Fifth ward. Of these it is said all are candidates for re-election except Councilman Mendenhall whom it is said has decided not to run.

Dwyer and Mendenhall are Democrats. Weber and Steinkler are Republicans and Neuman is a Socialist or rather Independent. These councilmen include three of the old heads of the council, Messrs. Weber, Steinkler, and Neuman having served in that body for several terms.

Council Dwyer has served but one year, filling out an unexpired term in the First ward. Councilman Mendenhall is serving his first term.

The Citizens committee is reported to be conducting an active propaganda for recruits to their organization and to be casting about for material for the councilmanic ticket. The meeting last night was fairly well attended. It was called by W. H. Newell who has apparently undertaken the task of resurrecting the corpse of the movement and who has apparently undertaken the task of resurrecting the corpse of the movement and who hopes to inject life into it. A meeting was held a week ago at Mr. Falter's office at which time a call for a meeting of the "Citizens" was formulated and the members "viewed with alarm" the monster of Democracy at the city crib. The meeting last night was an attempt to get together and get at the crib themselves.

An attempt by the Journal reporter to get the facts of the meeting was frowned upon by those in attendance on the caucus. The fact that the reporter is secretary of the Democratic city central committee somewhat militated against his chances of securing an official statement of what was done, the members of the "Citizens" movement looking upon him some fearful. However, it can be said that a number of names were canvassed as possible sacrifices upon the altar of government of the order, by the order and for the order but no definite selections were made.

Should Councilman Dwyer be renominated by the Democrats the Citizens feel they can beat him with several candidates whom they have in mind. Councilman Weber seems to have some friends in the organization and he likely will be honored with a nomination, although some good friends of his this morning asserted he would decline a nomination on the Citizens ticket. In the Third ward Councilman Steinkler is persona non grata with the "Citizens" and it is said John Bauer, Jr., has been talked of as a candidate in his place. Mr. Bauer it is said, is not at all enthusiastic over the project. R. W. Clements was discussed as a possibility in the Fourth ward against Councilman Neuman who has been in the habit of beating all comers but it is not known whether or not he would run. In the Fifth there seems to be a division of opinion as to whom they would sacrifice. C. C. Despain is said to be willing to take upon himself the cares of state but his chances of election are regarded as about as probable as the current of the Missouri river flowing up hill which is some improbable. Altogether it seems the "Citizens" have some problem to face in selecting near winners.

Things in the Democratic camp are quiet and there is little stir manifest. In the First ward Councilman

Dwyer has not yet announced his candidacy but if he decides to be a candidate again it is probable he will get an unanimous renomination and probably be elected even if the ward is Republican on party lines. In the second ward no one has yet shied his caster into the ring against Councilman Weber but some good citizen will doubtless come forward and save the country. In the Third one faction seems to believe the part of policy if Councilman Steinkler should be cast into outer darkness by the Republicans, would be to pick him up and run him as a Democrat, something which he does not object to it is said. The younger element of the party seems to favor A. A. Will and if he can be induced to accept, he will doubtless be put on the ticket. He would win easily and make the city a splendid councilman. In the Fourth things are in a chaotic state. If R. W. Clements wants to go to the city council he can have the Democratic nomination for the asking it is said but if not then the party is inclined to hesitate between Councilman Neuman and a good Democrat. In the Fifth ward F. C. Libershal has while former councilman, John Lutz can have the nomination if he will accept it at all. It seems one or the other of these two men will set in the council from that ward for the coming two years.

The Republican organization was swallowed up one year ago by the "Citizens" and aside from sundry and divers mutterings and murmurings on the bosom of the political sea of that organization nothing can be learned of its existence or intentions. Chaos reigns in the ranks of the party throughout the city. In the Second ward there is a semblance of party left and this is ranged behind Councilman Weber who will get the renomination. Councilman Steinkler has a strong following among the real Republicans of the Third but is fought by the "Citizens-Republicans" whoever that is, of the ward. He has hard sledding ahead if he wants a renomination and may have to depend upon his Democratic friends to escape the fires of political sheol which are seething and boiling in that balliwick. There is a likelihood of the Democrat being endorsed in the Fourth if he happens to be the right man and then again there is a likelihood the "Citizens" will ride over the Republicans and make them swallow their nominee and say they like it. The Fifth is in the same condition as the Fourth and that locality known as merry hades seems politically speaking, located in that neighborhood.

Councilman Neuman as usual will run Independent regardless the political whirl-gig and give anyone who runs against him a run for his money.

J. M. Roberts and H. M. Soennichsen are the outgoing members of the school board. Both were elected as Democrats and Soennichsen is still affiliated with that party but Roberts has been coquetting with the "Citizens." What affect his "Citizens" proclivities will have on a re-nomination by the Democrats remains to be seen. Soennichsen will be renominated by that party unless he absolutely refuses to run which is not probable. He will also be elected over any person or party. The "Citizens" favor Roberts undoubtedly, but their position as to Soennichsen is problematical. The Republicans will follow the "Citizens" lead without a doubt as they will be swallowed in convention.

Altogether there promises to be political fireworks in the sky and the atmosphere will be filled with clouds and lightning and then after it is all over and the sudden, fitful spring shower has fled, we can all look out on the peaceful smiling river and see the silver radiance of the gold, old Democratic moon.

Judge A. N. Sullivan this afternoon stated when asked regarding his views on politics: "I was in the Citizens movement last spring and took my orders from Tidd and Falter. As soon as I get my orders this spring, I will let you know what I will do."

NECKYOKE AND POLE INDUSTRY

C. B. Schleicher Is Enthusiastic Over the Outlook.

From Thursday's Daily.

C. B. Schleicher, president and general manager of the C. B. Schleicher neckyoke and buggy pole company of Brady, Neb., came in last evening for a business visit in the city and to stop over night with relatives. Ben was much elated over the manner in which his recently patented neckyoke and buggy pole had been received throughout the west and in conversation with the Journal man stated that his recently established factory at Brady, Neb., was running night and day to fill orders, and then was unable to keep up with the demand. In fact so well was the new invention liked that the company had been compelled to call in two of its salesmen and keep but one on the road, as they were hopelessly swamped with orders.

A recent consignment of poles has arrived in the city or should be here now, having been shipped from Brady some time ago. The poles will be handled here by E. Manspeaker while the neckyokes will be put on sale at all hardware and implement houses in the city. People throughout this vicinity are thoroughly familiar with the construction of the neckyoke and pole and the many points of superiority which they possess over the common yoke and pole, they having been described at length in the Journal several times. The real article can now be seen with the above firms and merits investigation.

Mr. Schleicher expressed deep regret that nothing had been done in this city toward securing the factory which he established at Brady, for the city. He stated to the Journal reporter, that when he took the matter up with the commercial club he assured them that he did not want to locate here for the money the city could give him as he didn't need that. He wanted to come here because he liked the city and its people and had lived here so long that he looked on it as his home.

He wanted some offer made him—he didn't care what and it did not require money. He told the commercial club that he would employ not less than 25 men to start with and that his pay roll would not be less than \$300 per week. As there seemed no disposition to take up the matter here, he reluctantly left for Brady where he established his factory, organized a stock company in a few hours with \$25,000 capital and today is manufacturing and placing the neckyoke and pole on the market. At present the factory employs 35 men and has a handsome monthly payroll.

As stated above, Mr. Schleicher was enthusiastic over the outlook for the success of the institution of which he is the head and he points to the fact that wherever the Schleicher neckyoke and pole has been tried it has proven an unqualified success and has rapidly forced the common and dangerous buggy pole out of business.

In another column of the Journal appears a photograph of an actual test made at Gothenburg, Nebraska, on February 12th, of the Schleicher pole. A combined weight of more than 1,000 pounds failed to do more than bend the pole and it is guaranteed not to break when a team runs away. The neckyoke is also covered with a guarantee and a glance at it shows it is as good as the pole. Mr. Schleicher departed this morning for Iowa where he has business to look after.

In Town on Business.

Ernest Wurl, gas engine and fixture inspector for the Burlington, came in last evening from an extended trip over the company lines west of the river, for a brief visit with his parents and departed this morning for Lincoln where he has a days work outlined. Mr. Wurl during his recent trip covered many thousands of miles of Burlington system line and inspected a great many of the plants of the company, making a number of important changes and recommending many repairs to improve the efficiency of the plants. He is delighted with his new position and is glad to note that his employers are pleased with his work after so brief a time. His friends never did doubt his success in the place and are glad to see their high opinion upheld by experience.

Will Add New Stock.

James Sage, the well known horseman of this city, is contemplating an addition to his stock of fine stallions, having looked over a number of animals with a view of purchasing and having visited several different places with that end in view. Mr. Sage is also likely to dispose of at least one of his present stock of animals, having been made several flattering offers by parties from abroad for the animals. He was a passenger this morning for the north accompanying a visiting horseman to look over some animals which are in the market.

CLARENCE CASE IS REVERSED

Supreme Court Sends Case Back for Re-Trial Next Term

From Friday's Daily.

The supreme court yesterday at its setting at Lincoln handed down a decision in the case of the State vs. John Clarence from this county reversing the case and remanding it for trial. The ground on which the court reversed the case is that of the error of the trial court in the admission of evidence and error in the instructions. The case will be for trial at the next term of the district court here it is believed.

The case is one wherein John Clarence is charged with murder in the first degree, he having shot and killed John P. Thacker at the farm of James Darrow near Union about a year ago. The case created a great sensation at the time and caused considerable ill feeling in the community. Clarence was a nephew of Thacker and on the trial there was some testimony introduced of ill feeling having existed for some time between the uncle and nephew.

The information which was filed against Clarence charged murder in the first degree and the trial which occupied about one week in court resulting in a verdict by the jury of murder in the second degree. He was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary by Judge Travis and afterwards gave bond in the sum of \$20,000 in the supreme court, being released and now living on his farm near Union. The case here was prosecuted by County Attorney Ramsey who had just taken the office when the crime was committed and Matthew Gering who was specially engaged for the case by the widow and son of the deceased. Byron Clark defended Clarence.

Mr. Clark when seen this morning was plainly much pleased over the reversal of the case and is already at work on preparations for the retrial of the case. He feels confident of securing the acquittal of his client on the second trial as the ruling of the supreme court is regarded as restricting the character of testimony which may be introduced against him.

County Attorney Ramsey stated that he had not had an opportunity to tell upon just what grounds the case was reversed and therefore could not say just where he stood on the matter. He confessed that he was much surprised at the decision and preferred to wait until he had seen a copy of the opinion as to what his course of action would be. The statement which he had received as to the grounds of reversal were the same as given above—the improper admission of evidence and the instructions of the court, and until he knew just what evidence the supreme court held improper and what instructions were wrong, he could not state his plan of action.

For Her New Home.

Mrs. Ray Chriswiser departed this morning for Osmond, Neb., where she will make her future home. Mr. Chriswiser departed several days since for that place, taking the household goods along with him. These two estimable people have taken a farm near Osmond and will make excellent additions to the population of that section. Their removal is a distinct loss to the Murray neighborhood and they will be sadly missed by a large circle of good friends in that locality. The friends, however, unite in the best wishes for their future success and happiness in their new location. Mrs. Bennett Chriswiser accompanied her daughter-in-law as far as Omaha on her journey to her new home.

MONEY TO LOAN—Farm loans at 5 1/2 per cent. Windham Investment & Loan Co.

STRANGE TURN IN THE BRANN CASE

Arthur Brann, After Arrangements Had Been Made Refused to Accept Bail.

From Friday's Daily.

An unexpected turn took place yesterday afternoon in the case of Arthur Brann, the turn taking place after the Journal had gone to press. The arrangements were all completed for his release on bail which was to be given by his father and uncle, D. D. Brann of Manley, when the young man upset all calculations by refusing to be bailed out and refusing point blank to leave the jail and go home to Lincoln with his father.

The young man's uncle, came in this morning from Manley and made another effort to coax him into accepting bail and return home to his father and mother but at the hour of this writing he had absolutely refused to change his mind and states that he regards his incarceration in jail as part of the punishment for his offense and under the circumstances he will not leave.

His peculiar actions coupled with the inability to explain why he stole the two teams, leads many to the conclusion that his mind is affected and there is some possibility that an investigation may be made into his mental condition. His actions have been very strange and his determined stand on the question of bail leads many to believe that he is mentally ailing.

The case is certainly a peculiar one in every respect and both the father and uncle of the young man as well as his friends are puzzled over it. If there had been any reason for his stealing the team such as needing money or something similar, then the case would be greatly simplified but the lack of reason coupled with his refusal of bail leads all to the conclusion that an investigation should be held as to the condition of his mental faculties. He is still in jail at the time the Journal goes to press and probably will remain there until the time court meets on the 19th inst.

Olive Visits Plattsmouth.

George Olive of the Weeping Water Republican, after a visit to this city, returned home and delivered himself of the following:

"They have queer names for people in Plattsmouth, and a fellow no sooner gets an introduction to a man and conquers a German name and the smell of his breath, than he bumps into a Bohemian or Dago and forgets the one and can't remember the other. They are all good people but have been unfortunate in being christened. Think of being called Ed. Doughnuts, we forget his business, but it must be awful embarrassing."

Well! well, as fond recollections of the past come to our mind, the time we were boys watching, dear old mother make the good, big doughnuts, so dear to every boy with a large digestion, we feel like a boy once more and can scarcely refrain from jumping up and down and shouting, hurrah!

Hats off to the doughnuts.

But Olives! Deliver us! We never eat them while sober and even then we are always reminded of the story of the good old German who said "Someone has blundered and put salt on the plums."

Wedding Near Avoca.

On Tuesday last Deldrich Bohlman, one of the wealthy young farmers of North Branch precinct, Otoe county, was united in marriage to Mrs. Sophia Dunkak of Avoca. The ceremony occurred in the little church a few miles from Avoca, and the ceremony performed by Rev. George Gundel. There were a number of friends and relatives present to witness the happy event. The bride is a daughter of William Thiele, one of the wealthiest and most prominent farmers of Cass county, and now a resident of Avoca. The former husband of the bride died several years since, and was a brother of Louis Dunkak. The best wishes of the Journal attend the happy couple.

Mrs. Washington Smith is spending several days in the city making arrangements for returning to her former home here to live. Her many friends will rejoice to have her once more among them and trust that she will soon find the old home just as always.

Birthday Surprise Party.

A number of friends of George B. Mann tendered him a birthday surprise party at the Hotel Riley last evening, he having turned another milestone on his life's march yesterday.

The evening was very pleasantly spent, there being a number of highly entertaining and interesting games played, principal among which was a guessing game which was out of the ordinary and original. The counters for this game were unique consisting of cardboard hats in the style made popular in Old Ireland years ago. The green of St. Patrick's day was in evidence everywhere and the hat was one of the reminders of the occasion, it being surrounded with a green band. The hat was made with white leaves inside the outer covering and upon these leaves were to be inscribed the names of the several articles guessed by the participants in the games. This was an exciting contest and the struggle over the prizes most interesting. Mrs. G. B. Gould proved to be the more adept in placing the names and carried off the king prize, a green Irish hat. Frank Gobelman won the distinction of being the poorest guesser in the crowd and carried off the booby prize, a miniature shamrock. The contest for last honors between Mr. Gobelman and Mrs. L. E. Schaulis was very close, in fact, it was a tie and in the draw for the honors the former won.

Another diversion which created great merriment and afforded an endless source of laughter, was that of writing a description or drawing pictures of the several parties present. Cards were provided on which were written the name and number of the party and then the several guests drew cards. The result was that several members of the party found themselves caricatured in a weird and horrible manner by some one whom they believed to be their best friend. The jokes which were played and the local hits which were made on the cards and drawing caused great amusement.

A very pleasant and dainty luncheon had been provided for the delectation of those present, to which they did full justice. As a token of their esteem, Mr. Mann was presented with a handsome locket charm, which he will always cherish as a memento of the occasion.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gobelman, Mrs. L. E. Schaulis, Misses Mae Patterson, Genevieve Howard, Pearl Nichols, Messrs. A. E. Quinn, R. B. Hayes and G. B. Mann.

Returns Thanks.

Sheriff Quinton today received a letter from A. E. Lake of Murdock whose team was recovered at the time that Arthur Brann was arrested at Auburn and which was returned to Mr. Lake promptly, which expresses the thanks of that gentleman to the sheriff for his promptness and efficiency in apprehending the man who took the team and the animals, which he highly prizes. It is seldom a public officer receives the commendation of those who benefit by his activities and this letter came as a pleasant surprise. The letter also conveys the thanks of Mr. Lake to Chief Malone of Lincoln and the sheriffs of Otoe, Johnson and Pawnee counties for the aid and assistance and to A. W. Wendt, Max Goehry and others of Mr. Lake's neighbors for their timely assistance. The letter is as follows:

Murdock, Neb., March 9, 1910.

We wish to express our gratitude to Sheriff Carrol D. Quinton of Cass county, Sheriff Jones of Nemaha county, for their promptness and efficiency in apprehending the culprit who stole our team, for courtesy shown us by Chief Malone of Lincoln, the sheriffs of Otoe, Johnson and Pawnee counties, the various telephone exchanges and the interest and effort put forth by A. W. Wendt, Edgar and George Morley, Max Goehry and others who rendered all possible aid.

A. E. Lake.

Mr. Lake asked that the card printed above be inserted in the Plattsmouth Journal which is cheerfully done.

Please Return It.

Charles Maguire, the Burlington foreman in the local yards, is mourning the loss of his material book. The article was lost some where between his home in the second ward and the Burlington station. It is of value to no one save Mr. Maguire and he would be much obliged to have the party finding it return it to him. It is a small oblong book in which his material accounts for the month are kept.